

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS
3 ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE
4 OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first
7 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), passed
9 by the United States Congress in 2010, created a new nationwide requirement
10 for health plans; and

11 WHEREAS, the PPACA does not allow insurers, purchasers and other stake-
12 holders with religious or moral objections to specific items or services re-
13 quired under the PPACA to decline to provide or obtain coverage of such items
14 or services, or allow health care providers with such objections to decline
15 to provide them; and

16 WHEREAS, by not allowing those with religious or moral objections to de-
17 cline to provide or obtain coverage with items or services that conflict with
18 their beliefs, the PPACA infringes on the rights of conscience of insurers,
19 purchasers and other stakeholders; and

20 WHEREAS, Congress is considering the Respect for Rights of Conscience
21 Act of 2011, H.R. 1179, S. 1467, that would amend the PPACA and ensure that
22 health care stakeholders retain the right to provide, purchase or enroll in
23 health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral
24 convictions without fear of being penalized or discriminated against under
25 the PPACA and would ensure that no requirement in the PPACA creates new pres-
26 sures to exclude those exercising such conscientious objection from health
27 plans or other programs under the PPACA.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
29 sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
30 the Senate concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature urges the United
31 States Congress to pass the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011 and
32 allow Americans to retain the right to provide, purchase and enroll in health
33 coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convic-
34 tions.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
36 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
37 Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
38 resentatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the
39 State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.